

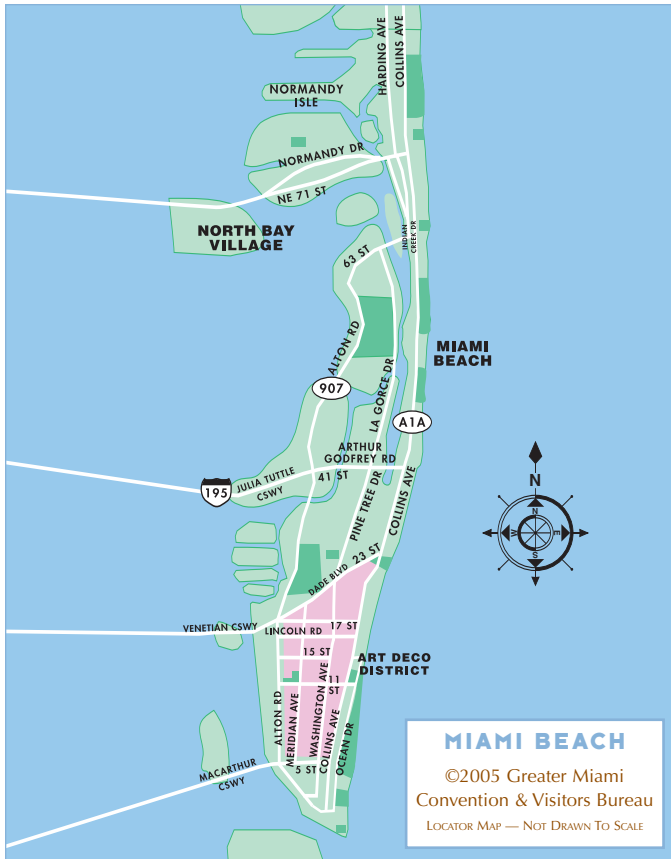
OCEAN RESCUE

Ocean Rescue is a division of the Fire Department. Headquarters is located at 1001 Ocean Drive in the heart of the City's Art Deco District.

GUARDED BEACHES ON MIAMI BEACH

Ocean Rescue currently guards twenty-six (26) locations. They are located at the Jetty Beach, South Pointe Park, 1st Street, 3rd Street, 6th Street, 8th Street, 10th Street, 12th Street, 13th Street, 14th Street, 15th Street, 17th Street, 21st Street, 30th Street, 35th Street, 41st Street, 46th Street, 53rd Street, 64th Street, 72nd Street, 74th Street, 77th Street, 79th Street, 81st Street, 83rd Street and 85th Street.

These stations are supported by Lieutenant personnel in four-wheel drive vehicles. Additional support is provided by all-terrain cycles, a 27-foot rescue vessel, and other smaller jet-driven watercraft. All personnel are in contact with each other by radio transmitters which have the capability of communicating with the City's Police and Fire/Rescue Departments.



STATEWIDE BEACH WARNING FLAG SYSTEM

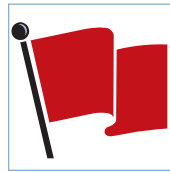
The following information is posted on all lifeguard towers:

RED with a line crossing out a swimmer:



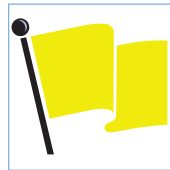
Water Closed to Public
Agua Cerrada al Publico

RED:



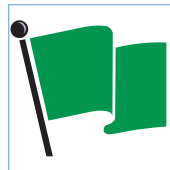
High Hazard – High Surf
and/or Strong Currents
Peligro Alto, Resaca Alta
y/o Corrientes Fuertes

YELLOW:



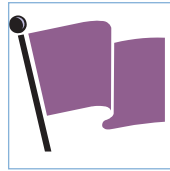
Medium Hazard – Moderate
Surf and/or Currents
Peligro Medio, Resaca Moderada
y/o Corrientes Fuertes

GREEN:



Low Hazard – Calm Conditions,
Exercise Caution
Peligro Bajo, Condiciones
Calmas, Tenga Cuidado

PURPLE:



Dangerous Marine Life
Vida Marina Peligrosa

NOTE:

We will continue to use our pictured banners to enhance the Statewide flags. The flags will be flown when lifeguards are on duty. Absence of Flags Does Not Assure Safe Waters.

MIAMI BEACH



WATER SAFETY

WELCOME TO MIAMI BEACH

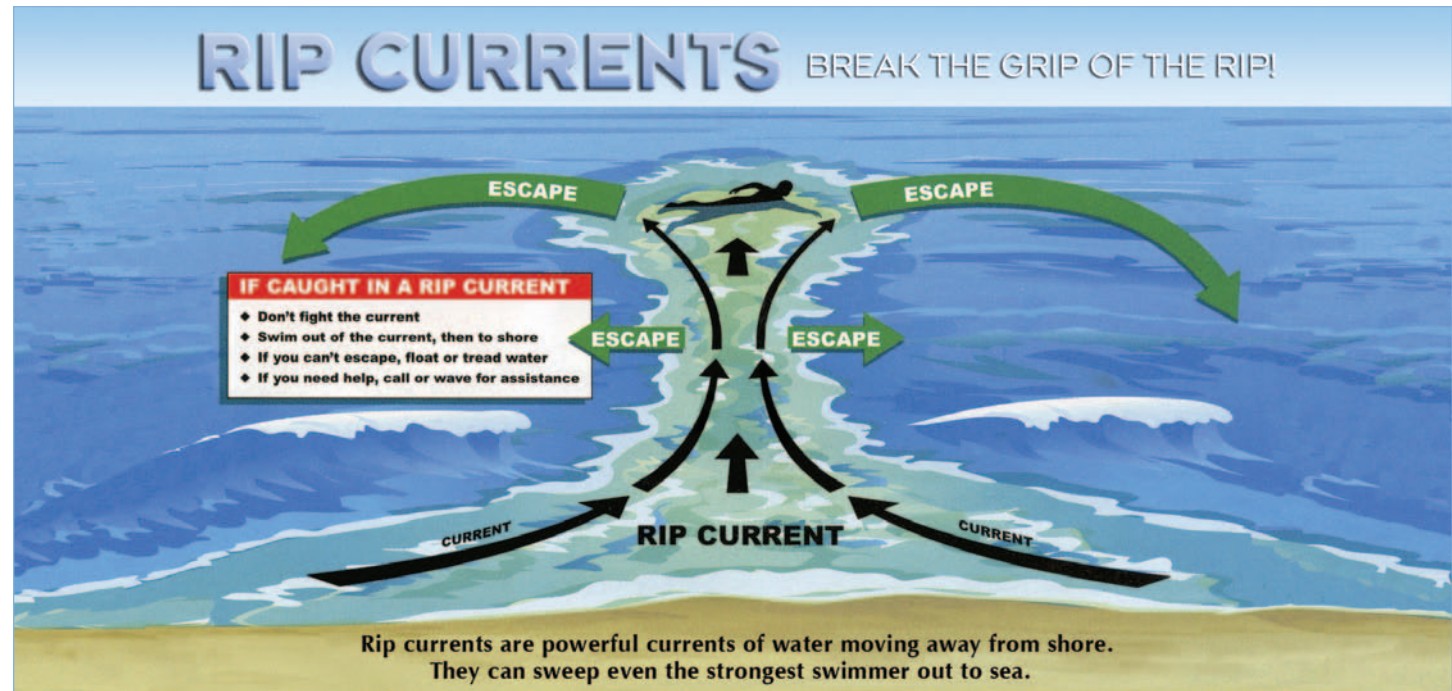
The City of Miami Beach wants to do everything possible to make your visit a pleasant experience. Please follow these simple safety tips and come back often. Miami Beach wants you to remember us as the "City that goes that extra mile."

MIAMI BEACH TOURIST HOTLINE
305/673-7400

www.MrMiamiBeach.com

WATER SAFETY TIPS

- Learn to swim, and know your limitations.
- Choose a safe place to swim.
- Swim near a lifeguard.
- Never dive into surf or shallow pool.
- Watch your children. Supervision is a must.
- 90 percent of drownings involving children occur when they are unsupervised.
- Learn CPR.
- Call 911 in an emergency.
- Alcohol and swimming don't mix.



RIP CURRENTS ACCOUNT FOR 80% OF THE RESCUES PERFORMED BY OUR OCEAN RESCUE LIFEGUARDS

- Rip currents are strong currents of water flowing away from shore that can take you out to sea.
- They vary in strength. Some may even pull a strong swimmer out.
- Rip currents can be expected with strong onshore wind.
- The current forms a channel which extends about 100 yards offshore.
- To get away from a rip current:
 - 1) Stay calm.
 - 2) Don't fight the current.
 - 3) Escape by swimming laterally, and then at an angle toward shore.
 - 4) If you are unable to escape by swimming, float or tread water.
 - 5) If you feel you will be unable to reach shore, call and wave for help.
- If you see someone in need of assistance call a lifeguard, or call 911.

